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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
Our Ref: 095309.52838US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: **Device And Method For Determining The State Of Ageing Of
An Exhaust-Gas Catalytic Converter**

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 56 claims (pages 1-36).
2. 5 Sheets of X Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-9.
3. Application Data Sheet
4. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 102 48842.8, filed in Germany on October 19, 2002.
5. Information Disclosure Statement w/2 references.
6. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee					\$385/770	= \$770.00
Total Claims	<u>56</u>	-	20	= <u>36</u>	x \$9/18	= \$648.00
Independent Claims	<u>4</u>	-	3	= <u>1</u>	x \$43/86	= \$ 86.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented					\$140/280	= \$
Total Filing Fee						\$1,504.00

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